

For Your Information
Weekly
FROM THE CITY MANAGER & STAFF
August 22, 2014

The primary election will be held on Tuesday, August 26. Please remember to go out and exercise your right to vote!

Dates to Remember:

August 25, 2014	Budget Workshop – 3:30 p.m.
August 26, 2014	Primary Election Day
August 26, 2014	Hendry-Clewiston Recreation Board

Staff Reports

Community Development Director Reese reports:

- Taslim Mohamed Pallet Recycling & Repair has opened at 522 East Haiti Avenue.
- Metro PCS and Radio Shack are close to opening at 402 East Sugarland Hwy.
- We issued a permit to Stanton Mobile Home Installers to replace the home at 610 Sabal Avenue, a property which incurred various code violations over the years.

Library Director Barrett reports:

- Phase 2 of the I HELP grant application was submitted to the Southwest Florida Community Foundation last Friday. Now we wait to see if we will receive funding again this year for some of the successful programs we were able to provide plus the new ones we want to do this year. The focus in the new year will be on family literacy.
- We are still seeking volunteer assistance from any person willing to be trained to help us in the Library. Call the Library at 983-1493 and ask for Ava.
- The Tumble Books e-books for children has expanded. Visit our website at www.hendrylibraries.org to see what's new.
- Free driver's permit practice test now available through your Library. Check it out at www.hendrylibraries.org.

Police Chief Gutshall reports:

- Patrol has been hard at work morning and afternoon attempting to help traffic flow at Middle and Elementary Schools this week. It's a new challenge every year as new parents are exposed to the various traffic patterns.
- The Lieutenants, Detectives and various other patrol members spent their nights last week and the weekend aboard bicycles and golf carts in an attempt to squelch the rash of vehicle entries. Although no suspects were caught, there were no new incidents reported. We will continue in our efforts.

- We have another dog bite case, this time upon a human victim. The victim was riding a bicycle on the levee when an unleashed dog chased after and bit the man. The owner has paid the \$660.00 fine for the bite, housing, and animal at large. A hearing date will be set this week to determine whether the animal should be classified as a “Dangerous Dog”.
- Following is a brief synopsis of the week’s activity:
 - 1165** Commercial / Residential Security Checks
 - 549** Complaints Investigated
 - 15** Arrests Made
 - 20** Traffic Citations Issued
 - 27** Traffic Warnings Issued
 - 8** City Ordinance Violations
 - 66** Merchant Escorts Provided
 - 10** Alarms Responded To
 - 35** Red Light Camera Violations
 - 1** Traffic Accident Investigated

Public Works Director Scheffler reports:

- Street Maintenance: (1) Staff started planting Anna Nidia Palms on Bond Street this week. (2) A man was dedicated to Boat Basin maintenance this week, cutting weeds on the slope to the water edge, painting, and removing the grass in cracks.
- Facility Maintenance: (1) Senior Citizens Building: As with any remodel work on an old building, we have found some interesting things. There was no insulation, anywhere. We have now insulated all outside walls. The particle board that was used for flooring is falling apart. We have replaced 12 sheets with ¾ inch plywood. All old wiring has been upgraded. Dry wall is up and scheduled to be taped this week. (2) A PO was let for the replacement of the AC in the CPAC Building this week.
- Boy Scout Projects: The Boy Scouts have completed their two projects. The Boy Scouts and their families showed up on Saturday morning and supported their “Scouts” in these projects. **Thank You and Good Job.**
- Paving project: The 2015 project bid opening is scheduled for August 28th.

Recreation Director Ramer reports:

- Six (6) new backstops are being placed in the 10 acre field.
- The outfield fence on field #8 at Sugarland Sports Complex will be moved from 300’ to 200’ beginning next week. This move will allow the addition of soccer fields and give access to athletic fields that were previously underutilized.
- CHS “Fall Baseball” is practicing on Stalls Field at Sugarland Sports Complex every Tuesday and Thursday afternoon.
- Co-Ed Softball is winding up their season on Field #9 at Sugarland Sports Complex.
- “Advanced” Fish Camp will be fishing at the East Lake at Air Glades Airport on Saturday from 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. and will have their “Fishing Tournament” on Lake Okeechobee with the Clewiston B.A.S.S. Federation Club on Sunday. Weigh-in on Sunday will be at noon beside the bathrooms at the Levee Park. Come out and see what the kids bring in from the “Big O”.

- C.S. Mott Pool hours are 3:00 – 6:00 p.m. Monday-Friday, 10:00 a.m. – 6 :00 p.m. on Saturdays and 1:00 – 6:00 p.m. on Sundays. Summer is slipping away! Get your “pool time” in when you can!
- CPAC is currently taking registrations for the upcoming 2014-15 season at the John Boy Auditorium on August 27th & 28th from 5:30 - 7:00 p.m. Call them at 983-8399 or check their Fb page for more information.
- Sugar Dolls will begin their registration for the 2014-15 season at the Youth Center beginning Sept. 6th at 3:30 p.m.
- Hendry-Clewiston Recreation Advisory Board will meet on Tuesday August 26th at 10:00 a.m. in the Commission Chambers at City Hall. The public is invited to attend.
- Go to www.clewistonrecreation.com to check us out and get information regarding all your recreational needs.

Utilities Director Williams reports:

- The Electric crew repaired the lights at the football field in preparation for football season. The traffic light loop at the intersection of US 27 and San Pedro has been repaired. Old transformers that are not in use continue to be removed. Lightning season is here! NOW IS THE TIME TO SIGN UP FOR YOUR METER BASED SURGE PROTECTION! Visit our office today.
- The water line replacement on Cadiz and Cortez streets is now complete with all new connections made to the new line.
- SCAM ALERT: Customers are once again reporting receiving phone calls from an outside source threatening to disconnect services if payment is not made immediately. The caller identifies himself/herself as being employed by the City of Clewiston but is using an out of state phone number. PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT THE CITY OF CLEWISTON DOES NOT USE AN OUTSIDE SOURCE FOR PAYMENT COLLECTION. If you feel you have been contacted by this scam, please notify the Police Department (863-983-1474) or the Utilities Office (863-983-1454).
- ONLINE UTILTIY PAYMENT IS NOW AVAILABLE! Our Online Utility Website is up and running. Payments can be made by credit or debit card. Register your account by visiting our website at www.clewiston-fl.gov and click on the link at the bottom of the page or by going to <https://www.municipalonlinepayments.com/clewistonfl>.